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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/RR

SUBJECT : September 17 Soviet Amnesty to Collaborators
With Germans, R-2933

1. This office desires, as soon as possible, any available information which might contribute to a proper interpretation of the September 17 Soviet amnesty on the forced labor system in the USSR.

2. We would especially like to have answers to the following specific questions:

a. What is the best current estimate of the number of inmates of Soviet forced labor camps?

b. How many would be affected by the amnesty, if literally applied?

c. What is the economic significance of the forced labor system in the USSR? What would be the probable economic impact of a literal application of the amnesty?

3. Any questions arising from this request may be directed to [REDACTED] on extension 8641.

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